

Marshfield Historical Commission Minutes

Meeting of April 6th, 2021

Meeting called to order via ZOOM at 7PM by Cindy Castro. Attending were Cindy Castro, Kathy Sullivan, Barbara Carney, Michele Campion, Jack Arouca, Carolyn Shanley and Norma Haskins.

Demolition Applications- 49 Waltham Avenue – Cindy reviewed. After review she made a motion, seconded by Barbara Carney that this house has no historical significance to the Town and we would have no objection to the issuance of a demolition permit. The motion was voted and passed, by a roll call vote.

Demolition- 1112 Ferry St- Cindy has reviewed. After review she made a motion, seconded by Barbara that this building has no historical significance to the Town and we would have no objection to the issuance of a demolition permit. The motion was voted and passed by a roll call vote.

Cindy and the rest of the Commission welcomed our new member Jack Arouca. He is a welcome addition to our team.

Secretary's report- The minutes of our meeting of March 2nd have been reviewed by all with no amendments being made. Cindy made a motion seconded by Barbara to accept the minutes as prepared. It was voted and passed by a roll call vote, Mr. Arouca abstaining as he was not present.

Treasurer's report- Michele reports no further expenditures have been made.

Kathy would like us to be aware that the Irish Trail group are expecting the Town to donate \$1000.00 per year to their efforts. Kathy said she will do some research into how many towns are actually participating. There is concern that we really have no part in this endeavor as we have no local ties that we can point to regarding the Irish settlers in our area. Cindy said she will check with Mr. Maresco to see if we can get CPC funding for this if we decide to participate.

Irish Trail- Kathy reports that a few suggestions have come in including one to include the Joseph Kennedy residence where he lived for a few years in North Marshfield. It was thought the present owners of that house may not like all the publicity and people looking at their house. An anonymous suggestion was the green located at the junction of Summer and Prospect St. However Norma spoke

with our Town Historian Cynthia Krusell and she was unable to confirm any Irish connection to the Marshfield Hills Historic District. There was a brief discussion on what the Irish Trails group is trying to accomplish. Kathy is to advise Mr. Maresco of our findings.

Letter to Mr. Maresco regarding the South Grammar School. – We discussed our concerns with the safety of some of our irreplaceable artifacts and the danger they may be in in that building. It was decided to ask Mr. Maresco if we could have a small space in the vault upstairs at the Town Hall to store our more precious things. Carolyn is working on a letter to that affect and will send it out to all to review. The Veterans are planning on a November date the building will be ready.

Old business- The Seaside Gardeners would like the use of the Training Green on April 29th from 8-4 for their seeding sale. Cindy made a motion, seconded by Michele to approve the use. It was voted and passed by a roll call vote.

Norma reports she has contacted Colonial Stone on our granite markers. He reports that the stones will be delivered to the person doing the engraving by April 17th and he expects that stones will be delivered by him and installed as each is ready beginning in middle of June.

Webster Trust lease- Barbara reports that she has written to Mr. Maresco regarding the 40 year lease to DWPT which included responsibility for the Law Office. She has spoken with the Trust chair who agrees that they do not want that responsibility. Mr. Maresco agreed and it was gone to Town Counsel for corrections.

Lawn mowing at the law office- Norma to check with Ground Effects and see the cost of doing that chore for the summer. Cindy is also checking with the person who does the Society mowing and see where we can get the best price.

New Business- the Kenelm Winslow property has been sold. Cindy reports that she went to the estate sale and was able to get some historical effects which will be kept by the Society.

It was reported to Cindy by Tom Whelan that there was some damage to the roof at the Law Office. There are two cedar boards that need to be replaced. Cindy is getting prices to repair.

We discussed setting up a web page for the Historical Commission to keep residents and others informed on our history. We could offer pictures and explanations of all our granite markers as well as other historical facts. Carolyn and Michele to administer the web page.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45PM.

Next Meeting will be May 4th at 7PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Norma Haskins Secretary